

CAMPS FOR GIRL GUIDES

The leaders of the Girl Guides of the district, at their meeting in the Y.W.C.A. recreational centre last night, made arrangements for a leader's camp at Long Island. It was announced by Miss Dorothy Purdy, the commissioner, who presided, that Miss G. Lodder, the dominion organizing secretary, would be able to come to St. John and would take charge of the leaders' camp. The leaders are going into camp with the idea of training so as to have authority to conduct a camp for the girls in July. It is hoped that all the guides in the district, about 100 in all, will be able to join the July camp and the present intention is to hold the girls' camp on Long Island also.

1923 GIRL GUIDES' CAMP AT PURDY'S POINT

Rothesay Troop Now Under Canvas – Other Groups Also Enjoy Experience in camp Life.

No central camp for all of the Girl Guides of the province has been arranged this year, but some of the troops will have their own summer camp. The first troop to get under canvas was the Rothesay Troop, of which Miss Dorothy Purdy is the captain. The troop is now camping at Purdy's Point, Land's End, where tents were pitched on Saturday. St. Paul's Troop, the Fifth St. John, leaves next week for its summer camp on at Beesley's Point on the St. John River below the Cedars. The St. John troop will be in charge of its captain, Miss Irene Barber, and will

number in its contingent of about twenty-four, seven members of the Trinity, No. 1 St. John Troop. Later in July the troop in St. Stephen, of which Miss Elsie Lawson is the captain, will have a summer camp in Charlotte County. The St. Stephen troop is getting ready to act as guard of hour for Lady Byng during her visit there. There will be more than thirty guides in the Guard of Honour.

1924 104 GIRL GUIDES TO CAMP TODAY

Ten Officers in Command of Company at Oak Point Outing.

The girl Guides go out to their summer camp at Oak Point today, a band of 104 Guides with 10 officers, one of the largest camps that has yet been held by the Guides. Early in July the St. John district guides will be joined at Oak Point by a company from Fredericton. The St. John camp will last until July 7 and will have as its grand final event a field day on July 5. The companies, which will be represented at camp, are Trinity, St. Paul's, St. James, Knox and Stone church, and the three Rothesay companies.

Miss Dorothy Purdy, district commissioner, will be camp director and the other officers attending will be Miss Catherine McAvity, Miss Ruth Starr and miss Jean Angus, for the Rothesay companies; Miss M. Knight, Trinity; Miss Irene Barber, St. Paul's; Miss Florence Allan, St. James, and Mrs. Arnold Gibbon and Miss Edythe Mitchell, Knox. The party will leave on the steamer Hampton today.

The camp programme promises to be an interesting one with opportunity for learning many of the crafts in which Girl Guides are interested. Miss K.M. Stewart, of Fredericton, is to be camp nurse, and Miss Lilian Raymond will be physical director. The programme of sports will be a special feature of the camp.

GIRL GUIDES BACK FROM TEHR CAMP AT PURDY'S POINT

2nd and 3rd Rothesay Companies enjoy a Splendid Outing

ORPHANAGE BOYS PAY OFFICIAL VISIT

Several Campers Win Badges of Various Kinds – Those In Charge

The members of the 2nd and 3rd Rothesay companies of Girl Guides are home from their summer camp, sun burnt and sturdy after their happy fortnight under canvas at Purdy's Point. They were favored with more thunder and lighting than is usually experienced in that length of time, but mostly the storm came at night time and did not interfere with camp routine or camp pleasures.

Miss Dorothy Purdy, captain and district commissioner, was the camp director, and was assisted by Miss S. Amdur, of 10th Saint John company, during the first week. The other camp officers were Miss K. Peters and Miss Helen Cannell. [. . .]

Another important evening was the visit of the boys from the Wiggins Orphanage camp on Monday night. There was a hotly contested game of baseball, boys vs. girls, and the boys were undisputed victors.

July 2, 1927

NINE GIRL GUIDE CAMPS TO BE HELD IN N.B. THIS SEASON

Quite a Number Are Going to Quarters From Here Today

LOCATIONS AND THE CHIEFS ANNOUNCED

Expect Between 150 and 175 to Enjoy Various Outings

Nine Girl Guide camps will be held in New Brunswick this summer and a number of the guides are going into camp today. Others entered on the joys of the summer camp a few days ago and are now experts at their outdoor tasks. The camps this year are scattered throughout the province more than they have ever been in previous years and there are two or more camps than there were last year.

1928

Much Interest Being Taken This Year in Various Girl Guide Camps in Province

The first of the Girl Guide camps in New Brunswick will close their successful outing today when the three companies at Mill Lake, Utopia, Charlotte county, return to Saint John. Mrs. D. Arnold Gibbon, Girl Guide camp officer for this province, reports that in numbers, attending individual camps and in the numbers of Girl Guide camps in this province, this year will show an increase over last year's records. There are still a few of the companies which have applied for permission to hold camps

that have not received authority as yet.

Those camps, which have already been arranged for, total eight. The second Rothesay company went under canvas at Purdy's Point, on June 26, and will break camp on July 10. It is in charge of Miss Dorothy Purdy and has about 20 girls attending

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1928

UNITED STATES GUIDES SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM CANADIAN GIRL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. H. D. Warren, Chief Commissioner, Gives Address at Reception

Girl Guide camps are so very successfully conducted in Canada that the United States Girl Scouts have appealed to this county for assistance and direction in conducting similar camps in their country where camping in the past has been a somewhat different undertaking to camping for Girl Guides in this country. Mrs. H. D. Warren, Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides in Canada, in speaking of this fact in her informal address at the reception tendered in her honour on Saturday afternoon in the Admiral Beatty Hotel by the New Brunswick Council of Girl Guides said that last year a special request had been received for two Guiders from Canada to assist in demonstrating Canadian methods of camping for the United States Girl Guides. The under canvas camp with the girls themselves doing all the chores has not been the method followed in the United States, and that was the method which was being demonstrated.

Mrs. Warren spoke of the origin of the Girl Guide movement, saying that when the Boy Scouts became so active an organization the girls did not wish to be left out and a similar organization was developed for them. They were first called Girl Scouts, and they still were known by that name in the United States where the movement is very strong. The uniform selected was chosen because it was most serviceable and most universally becoming. She recalled how the Boy Scouts' organization had its founding in the troop organized by Sir Robert Baden-Powell at Mafeking.

JULY 18, 1929

GIRL GUIDES BACK FROM CAMP HELD AT DOUGLAS HARBOUR

Outing Enjoyed by Members of Saint John District Organizations

There were 80 Girl Guides under canvas at the successful Girl Guide camp held at Douglas Harbor, Grand Lake, from June 29 to July 15, with Miss Ruth Starr, the divisional secretary in charge and five different companies represented among the Guides attending. It was one of the largest companies represented among the Guides attending. It was one of the largest Girl Guide camps that has been held in recent years, and besides learning all of the fascinating occupations which camping implies, the guides accomplished great things in second class and first class guide work, which included first class hikes, patrol hikes, and company hikes, and also had great success

guide work, which included first class hikes, patrol hikes, and company hikes, and also had great success in preparing to qualify for proficiency badges as cooks, swimmers, athletes, and pioneers, and for the badge as child nurse and the health badge.

The camp site is a very picturesque one, and the camp won much commendation at the time of the official inspection by Miss Dorothy Purdy, District Commissioner for Kings county, the Divisional Commissioner, Mrs. Hugh Mackay, and the divisional camp advisor, Mrs. Arnold Gibbon.

JUNE 10, 1930

U.S. GIRLS CAMP NEAR CARTER'S PT.

Miss MacKeen in Boston Making Arrangements; To Open July 1

A new camp for girls, most of whom will come from the United States, will be conducted this summer at the beautiful spot on the St. John river above Carter's Point, formerly the property of Harry Roberts, of Saint John, by Miss Anna MacKeen, formerly of Rothesay. Miss MacKeen has purchased the property and has had extensive alterations and renovations carried out. She will conduct the camp and is at present in Boston in connection with preliminary arrangements for the camp opening on July 1. There will be a very sufficient staff to take charge of the details of each department. Miss Joan Armitage, formerly a teacher of Netherwood school who has been on the staff of the Froebel Institute demonstration school in London, will direct

the kindergarten play and will be assisted by Miss Audrey Allison of Rothesay. Miss Louise Betts, a graduate of Mount Allison who is now in Sackville, will be the camp dietician and Miss Dorothy Purdy, Girl Guide Commissioner, will be a member of the staff. The camp will be continued until August 21. Tents will not be used but there will be as much out of door life as is practical.

JULY 22, 1930

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE IN N.B. CHILDREN'S CAMP

Farm Camp on Long Reach is Proving Highly Successful

With children from the United States and small folk from this country also attending there has been established on the Long Reach in the St. John River a camp for younger children, something quite new in New Brunswick and something that is admirably proving its great value. "The Farm Camp on the Long Reach," it is called and the children there are as happy as sandboys, with infinite variety of outdoor joys in beach woods, and countryside, indoor recreation in as great variety on rainy days, and all the luxury of modern city conveniences. They are brown and sturdy youngsters, enjoying every minute of the day. The Farm Camp is for girls of 6 to 12 years and boys from 6 to 8 years, a recreation camp where they can become familiar with all the health-giving pleasures the out-of-doors affords, grow plumb an strong with the nourishing and appetizing good things of farm

produce, and best of all, be directed in how to find their own greatest aptitudes and enjoyments.

The farm camp is located by the sandy beach with tall evergreen trees on the Long Reach which is known as Pinehurst. The camp has entered on its eight-weeks season of this year with much zest. Miss A. M. MacKeen, B.A., who has had charge of the graduate students' residence at Simmons College, Boston, is camp director and the supervision of the children is vested in Miss Joan Armitage, who is already a well-known good friend of many New Brunswick children. There are always not more than three children for each counselor at the camp.

February 18, 1931

Girl Guides Early Make Arrangements For Summer Camps

Several new members were cordially welcomed and there was a good attendance of former members at the monthly meeting of the Saint John Girl Guide Association Tuesday evening in the Association rooms, Prince William Street.

Some preliminary plans were made for the holding of summer camps and there was some discussion regarding the advisability of establishing a permanent camp in this district. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Murray MacLaren, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Hugh Mackay, Divisional Commissioner.

All of the Girl Guide companies in the district except one were represented in the Guiders present last night.

JULY 26, 1934

GIRL GUIDE CAMPS PROVING POPULAR

Provincial Commissioner Makes Inspection of Harding's Point Site

After extending a welcome on behalf of the Girl Guides of New Brunswick to her Excellency, the Countess of Bessborough, president of the Canadian Girl Guides Association, on Tuesday, Mrs. Hugh Mackay, provincial commissioner of Girl Guides, went from Rothesay to make an official inspection of the Girl Guide camp at Harding's Point on the St. John River. Last night she expressed satisfaction with the camp. Mrs. Mackay had conveyed the greetings of the Guides to Lady Bessborough in the absence of Mrs. J. L. R. Parsons, divisional commissioner.

Girl Guides To Build Cabin At Boar's Head

The Girl Guides of Saint John and their friends are having a very busy and happy time making plans for the building of a log cabin at the camp site at Boar's Head.

This beautiful piece of land, situated at the mouth of the Kennebecasis River, five miles above the reversing Falls on the St. John river was given to the Guides by Sir Douglas and Lady Hazen. It forms part of the original grant to the Hazen family about the year 1765, which was 18 years before the arrival of the Loyalists in Saint John. It is overshadowed by Boar's Head and has a lovely beach. There are many springs of good water on

on the site and it is protected by high lands on each side. The Guides who camped there last summer found it ideal. Now plans are on foot to build a good size cabin on the site. . .

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1938

International Girl Guide camp At Rothesay In 1939 May Be Attended By 300

IS TO BE HELD ON COLLEGIATE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Mrs. H. D. Warren Again Elected Canadian Commissioner

There will probably be about 300 attending the International Girl Guide camp to be held at the Rothesay Collegiate School grounds and buildings in July, 1939, was the word brought back from the recent meeting of the Canadian Council of the Girl Guides' Association in Ottawa by Miss Lily Long, secretary of the New Brunswick association.

The use of the R.C.S. grounds and buildings has been secured through special permission of the Archbishop of Fredericton and the Board of Governors of the school. Mrs. Hugh Mackay of Rothesay, New Brunswick Girl Guide commissioner, and Miss Kate Stewart, Fredericton, and Mrs. Edgar Robertson, Moncton, also officially represented the New Brunswick Association at the Dominion meeting.

Mrs. H.D. Warren, C.B.E., and L.L.D., Canadian chief commissioner presided and was re-elected to the office she has filled so capably.

Reports showed that the total Canadian membership to be 55,921 and for the first time every province was represented at the national meeting, which was held in the Chateau Laurier. The enrolment showed an increase of 5 1/2 percent and three percent of that increase was obtained through the affiliation of the membership of the Salvation Army life Saving Guards . . .

Guides' Camp Will Mark Anniversary Of The Organization

May 13, 1939

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A Fitting celebration of the 30th anniversary of the organization of Girl Guides coincides with the holding of the Second National Camp this year at Rothesay, N.B. from July 14 to 22.

Through the interest and kindness of the late Most Rev. John A. Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton, and of right Rev. W. H. Moorhead, Bishop of Fredericton, the Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton and the Board of Governors of the Rothesay Collegiate School, the grounds and buildings of this school have been placed at the disposal of the National Campers coming from all parts of the Dominion of Canada.

National Camp regulations allow 25 representatives from each province, consisting of four commissioners, eight Guiders and 13 Guides or rangers.

New Brunswick, rich in historic interest, majestic in scenic grandeur can offer no spot surpassing the serene beauty of the Kennebecasis River as it flows by the banks of Rothesay. So with ideal

surroundings and the warmth of a New Brunswick welcome, arrangements made for entertainment and full facilities of camp programs, our visitors must feel assured that the national camp in New Brunswick will afford not only pleasure to them, but will add a vital chapter to the history of Guide development.

A short synopsis of some high points in Girl Guide history may be of interest at this time. The Girl Guide movement was started in England in 1909 and in that very year the first Girl Guide Company was formed in Canada at St. Catharine's, Ont.

Organization of the Girl Guides emerged from Lord Baden-Powell's scheme of Boy Scouts and was planned and made adaptable for girls. With its mesmeric appeal to children the movement quickly spread throughout England and gradually developed in the overseas dominions. In the Dominion of Canada east and West were soon allied by the spirit of Guiding the Province of Nova Scotia, forming its first company in 1911, and British Columbia in 1912. Up until 1912 all these first companies were registered with the parent headquarters in England. By 1912, however the demand for Girl Guides in Canada became so strong it was necessary to establish a Dominion Council thereby furnishing Canadian companies with their own National headquarters.

Council Formed

The formation of this Dominion Council was brought about chiefly through the efforts of

Lady (Mary) Pellatt, who called a meeting in Toronto inviting representatives of various national organizations of women and others who had shown keen interest. From this meeting the first Dominion Council was established and its membership drawn from women preeminently associated with Canadian girls and identified with many humanitarian and philanthropic efforts. Mrs. H. D. Warren, Chief Commissioner for Canada was a member of this first council and has continued through the years to give generously of time and ability in the direction of Guide work.

Wives of our governor-generals are honorary presidents of the Dominion Council and wives of lieutenant-governors are honorary vice-presidents. All have taken in turn a most encouraging interest in Guide Work and have made in various ways distinctive contributions to its progress.

records of Guide Work in the War years show that in 1916 there were 7 000 children in Canada registered as Girl Guides. By their own efforts they made and contributed \$850 towards a fund for Guides recreation Hut for British soldiers in France.

The First Canadian Company formed raised \$600 for the Trafalgar Day Campaign. Other Guide Companies in Canada made splendid contributions of clothing and money but we single out St. Catharine's war time work to prove the possibilities of achievement- even with children- when unity of purpose, enthusiasm and earnestness govern such efforts. At the conclusion of the war over 400 service badges were awarded to Guides.

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Following the War and during the years known as the "Reconstruction Period" Guiding in Canada seemed to concentrate on its program of service to others, and both Guides and Guiders found many places where their services were most welcome and useful.

By 1921 the Dominion Council became aware of the need for provincial councils and at intervals these were formed. In 1934 all nine provinces in the Dominion had provincial councils functioning under three sections, viz.: the province, the division and the district, with three corresponding grades of commissioners. These commissioners are appointed by the Chief Commissioner for Canada.

All affairs concerning Guide work in a province are brought before the provincial commissioner through the local commissioners, as all Girl Guide work whether within a company or within the executive organization is based essentially on teamwork, co-operation and goodwill.

The honor of having the First Girl Guide Company in the Province of New Brunswick goes to Hampton N.B., where through the active interest of the late Mrs. John McAvity a company was formed in 1915 with Mrs. Guy Humphrey Captain and the first Guider in the province.

In the city of Saint John the first Company was attached to Trinity Church and was registered as "1st Saint John Company".

Formation of a Provincial Council for New Brunswick was undertaken in June 1926 under the patronage and chairmanship of Mrs. W. F. Todd, St. Stephen,

wife of the late Lieutenant Governor Todd. This meeting was held in Saint John. Mrs. Todd's work resulted in the appointment by the Chief Commissioner of Mrs. W. S. Alison, of Rothesay as New Brunswick's first provincial commissioner. Mrs. W. A. I. Anglin was named secretary-treasurer and the first district commissioners appointed in the province were: Miss Dorothy Purdy of Rothesay, N. B., and Miss Elsie Lawson of St. Stephen, N.B.

The late Mrs. Allison brought to her duties as Provincial Commissioner not only initiative ability but traits of a kindly character which in no small measure helped the progress of those early years.

By 1929 Guide Districts had grown to such an extent that Divisional areas were established. St. John and Kings County were united in Division No. 1 and Mrs. Hugh Mackay of Rothesay appointed First Division Commissioner.

The Longest record of continued service as Captain and Guider in any company of our province is held by Miss Florence Allan, who served as Captain of the Company attached to St. James Church, Broad Street, and known as "The 7th Saint John Company" from 1920 to 1938 giving exceptional example of true Guider's spirit.

Great Stimulus

During the last 8 years a great stimulus has been given the Girl Guide movement in our province. This is due to several causes: increased interest by kindred associations, that is organizations sponsoring Guides, to the formation of local associations whose chief objective is the promotion of Girl Guide Compa-

panies, to the visit of Chief Scout and Chief Guide Lord Robert and Lady Baden-Powell and to the rally held in Saint John of all Scouts and Guides, four years ago.

A fine contribution to Guiding in this province was made by many others among who the late Mrs. Murray MacLaren, was specifically prominent in both in both interest and generosity.

In Canada today we have 55 000 enrolled as Girl Guides and in this number 2 000 New Brunswick children are included.

In our recent historic records are treasured such events as the training classes given by Guiders from both Imperial and national headquarters; the visit to New Brunswick of the Chief Commissioner, of the Dominion secretary, and the gift of Camp at Boar's Head by Lady Hazen. In two months time further history shall be made with the opening of the national Camp, the second national Camp to be held in the Dominion, the first having taken place at Victoria in 1927.

The personnel of the staff for the 1939 national Camp consists of:- Commandant, Mrs. Hugh Mackay, provincial commissioner; assistant commandant, Miss Dorothy Purdy; quartermaster, Miss Jean Daniel; group commandants, Mrs. E. Skene of Fredericton; Miss Florence Macdonald, St. Stephen; Miss Eula Rice, Edmunston; Mrs. H. I. Evans, Sussex; Miss Adeline Comeau, Atholville; Miss Annie Murray, Doaktown; Mrs. Murray Lawson, Saint John; Mrs. E. C. MacDonald, Moncton.

Equipment, Mrs. A. C. Glennie, Saint John; red Cross orderlies, Miss Helen Cahill, R.N. and Miss Dorothy Brown, R.N.

from 4th Moncton Company; Red Cross assistants, Miss Kathleen Patterson, Miss Gladys McCall, winners of Junior First Aid 1938 shield; orderlies, Miss Betty Turnbull, Sussex, Miss Anne Fraser, West Saint John; swimming, Miss Edith Olive, Saint John; swimming orderly, Miss Rita Glennie, Saint John.

Canteen and shop, Miss Lily Long, Saint John; New Brunswick secretary, Mrs. James Catt, Saint John; camp adviser, Miss Nadine Harty; provincial secretary, Quebec, Miss Joyce Hartnell; entertainment committee, Mrs. Cortland Robinson; transportation committee, Mrs. Cecil West; Campfires committee, Mrs. W. A. I. Anglin; publicity committee, Miss Amelia Haley.

JULY 17, 1939

Queen Elizabeth Congratulates Girl Guides On "Splendid Spirit," In Message received At Camp

Her Majesty Hopes National Gathering At Rothesay Will Be An 'Unqualified Success'

The national Girl Guide camp at Rothesay has received a message from her Majesty the Queen, sending "a special word of praise for the splendid spirit which I observed" in the girl Guide ranks during the Royal visit to this continent and wishing every success to the national gathering at Rothesay.

Following is the message from Buckingham Palace, received by Mrs. H.D. Warren, chief commissioner of Girl Guides for Canada, through the Lady Tweedsmuir, to be read at the national camp:

“I have had the pleasure of meeting many Guides during my journey through Canada and the United States, and I am happy to have an opportunity, both as a Guide myself and as the Mother of two active Members, to send you a special word of praise for the splendid spirit of friendship and goodwill, I am sure, which will lead the world forward to be a better understanding of one another’s difficulties. I trust that your national Camp will be an unqualified success, and that Guides in ever increasing numbers will come forwards ‘to bear their part in the up-building of that great Commonwealth of Nations to which we are proud to belong.’

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MRS. HUGH MACKAY,

Provincial commissioner of the Girl Guides and commandant of the national camp at Rothesay, who extended the greetings for New Brunswick at the opening camp fire last evening, along with F.S. Crosby, chairman of the council of the Village of Rothesay and C.H. Bonnycastle, headmaster of R.C.S., the camp site.